

**Macon County Board of Commissioners  
Courthouse Commissioner's Meeting Room**

Regular Meeting  
January 4, 2022  
6:00 p.m.

**Present:** Commissioner Chairman Mickey George  
Commissioner Vice-Chairman Benjamin Haugabook, Sr.  
Commissioner A. Richmond Felton  
Commissioner Bob Melvin  
Commissioner Carl Oliver  
Kelvin C. Lewis, County Manager  
Roselyn Starling, Deputy County Manager  
Satina S. James, Deputy County Clerk  
Jon Coogle, County Attorney

Commissioner-Chairman George called the meeting to order and gave the opening prayer.

**Election of Chairman for Board of Commissioners**

Chairman George called for Nominations of 2022 Board Chairman. Vice-Chairman Haugabook nominated Commissioner Mickey George for Chairman. Commissioner George respectfully declined the nomination. Commissioner Melvin nominated Commissioner Richmond Felton for Chairman. Vice-Chairman Haugabook seconded the motion. Commissioner Felton respectfully declined the nomination and the motion failed. Vice-Chairman Haugabook nominated Commissioner Bob Melvin for Chairman. Commissioner Melvin respectfully declined due to his work schedule. Commissioner Felton nominated Commissioner Carl Oliver for Chairman. Vice-Chairman Haugabook seconded the motion. Commissioners voted and the nomination passed 4 to 1. Commissioner Oliver abstained. Commissioner Carl Oliver was voted unanimously as 2022 Chairman. Commissioner George swapped seats with Chairman Oliver, and he proceeded to conduct the meeting.

**Election of Vice-Chairman for Board of Commissioners**

Chairman Oliver called for Nominations of 2022 Board Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Felton nominated Commissioner Ben Haugabook for Vice-Chairman. Commissioner George seconded the motion. Vice-Chairman Haugabook respectfully declined the nomination and the motion failed. Vice-Chairman Haugabook nominated Commissioner Bob Melvin for Vice-Chairman. Commissioner Felton seconded the motion. Commissioners voted and the nomination passed unanimously for Commissioner Bob Melvin as the 2022 Vice-Chairman.

**Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Haugabook made the motion to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2021, regular meeting as presented. Commissioner Felton seconded the motion and the vote carried unanimously.

**Invited Guest:** None

**Committee/Department Reports:**

1. County Manager Updates.
  - a. Road Maintenance Pilot. County Manager Lewis and Mike Respert, Road Supervisor went out to site visit samples of the road work that Wendell Swartzentruber has done within the County. Commissioners and County Manager Lewis discussed work strategy outline and proposal submitted by Wendell Swartzentruber for road maintenance at length.
  - b. Court House Internal Repairs- County has received a \$63,609.25 insurance claim check from Liberty Mutual toward Court House repairs. This is in addition to the proceeds received previously for roof damage.

- c. County Manager Lewis updated the Commissioners that he has moved forward with the contracting of the internal doors for the Preston Williams Center. He is scheduled to meet with Warner Robins Building Supply tomorrow to confirm an installation date.
- d. County Manager Lewis informed Commissioners that the County needs a Custodian. County has advertised locally and has reached out to temp-agency, unsuccessfully. Asked Commissioners for any suggestions or resources that may assist in filling this position.

**Consent Agenda:** None

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

**1. Approval-Office of Circuit Public Defender 1<sup>st</sup> half 2022 Contract.**

Chairman Oliver called for a motion. Commissioner Felton motioned to approve the Office of Circuit Public Defender 1<sup>st</sup> half 2022 Contract. Commissioner Haugabook seconded the motion. Discussion, Commissioner Haugabook questioned the calculation of the population that the Contract indicates that it serves. Commissioners discussed the validity and other options to provide citizens a public defender. After discussion, Commissioners voted on the motion and the vote carried unanimously.

**Public Comment:** None

Additional discussion, Commissioner Melvin stated that he reviewed Brooks Road and the road was paved well. The citizens were well pleased with the condition of the road.

**Adjourn:** There being no further business, Chairman Oliver called for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Haugabook made the motion to adjourn. Commissioner Felton seconded the motion and the vote carried unanimously.

  
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Carl Oliver, Chairman